AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

1. (Canceled)

2. (Previously Presented) The printing system of claim 1, wherein the first coding information and said second coding information correspond to physiological pattern information of the user.

3. (Previously Presented) The printing system of claim 1, wherein the first coding information and said second coding information correspond to fingerprint information of the user.

4. (Currently Amended) A printing system for use with a workstation having a first code entry device, the workstation being configured to transmit print data for printing, the first code entry device being configured to receive first coding information from a user, said printing system comprising:

a printer configured to communicatively couple with the workstation and having a second code entry device, said second code entry device being configured to receive second coding information from the user, said printer being configured to print the print data in response to correlating the first coding information received at the first code entry device with said second coding information received at said second code entry device;

a user interface configured to communicate with the workstation, said user interface having a secured-disable mode and a secure-enable mode such that, in said secure-enable mode, the workstation is enabled to receive the first coding information, and in the secure-disable mode, the workstation is enabled to transmit print data to the printer for printing and

the printer prints the print data without receiving the first coding information at the first code entry device and without receiving the second coding information at the second code entry device.

5. (Previously Presented) The printing system of claim 4, further comprising:

means for enabling the workstation to receive the first coding information.

6. (Original) The printing system of claim 2, wherein each of the first code entry device and said second code entry device is a fingerprint reader configured to generate fingerprint information corresponding to a fingerprint of the user.

7. (Original) The printing system of claim 2, wherein each of the first code entry device and said second code entry device comprises means for generating fingerprint information corresponding to a fingerprint of the user.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) The printing security system of claim 11, wherein said first coding information and said second coding information correspond to physiological pattern information of the user.

10. (Previously Presented) The printing security system of claim 11, wherein said first coding information and said second coding information correspond to fingerprint information of the user.

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~~11.~~ (Currently Amended) A printing security system for use with a workstation and a printer, the workstation being configured to communicatively couple with the printer, the workstation being configured to transmit print data to the printer for printing, said printing security system comprising:

a first code entry device configured to communicatively couple with the workstation, receive first coding information from the user, and provide the first coding information to the workstation; and

a second code entry device configured to communicatively couple with the printer, receive second coding information from the user, and provide the second coding information to the printer such that the printer is enabled to print the print data in response to said first coding information received at said first code entry device corresponding to said second coding information received at said second code entry device;

a user interface configured to communicate with the workstation, said user interface having a secure-disable mode and a secure-enable mode such that, said secure-enable mode, the workstation is enabled to receive said first coding information, and in the secure-disable mode, the workstation is enabled to transmit print data to the printer for printing and the printer prints the print data without receiving the first coding information at the first code entry device and without receiving the second coding information at the second code entry device.

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~~12.~~ (Previously Presented) The printing security system of claim ~~11~~, further comprising:

means for enabling the workstation to receive the first coding information.

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~~13.~~ (Original) The printing security system of claim ~~9~~, wherein each of the first code entry device and said second code entry device is a fingerprint reader configured to generate fingerprint information corresponding to a fingerprint of the user.

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~~14.~~ (Original) The printing security system of claim ~~9~~, wherein each of said first code entry device and said second code entry device comprises means for generating fingerprint information corresponding to a fingerprint of the user.

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~~15.~~ (Currently Amended) A method for providing secure printing between a workstation and a printer, the workstation being configured to transmit print data to the printer for printing, said method comprising the steps of:

when operating in a secure-enable mode:

receiving first coding information, at the workstation, from a user;

enabling print data and the first coding information to be transmitted to the printer;

receiving second coding information, at the printer, from the user;

comparing the first coding information with the second coding information such that if the first coding information corresponds to the second coding information, enabling printing of the print data at the printer, and if the first coding information does not correspond to the second coding information, not enabling printing of the print data at the printer; and

when operating in a secure-disable mode:

enabling print data to be transmitted to the printer; and

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enabling printing of the print data at the printer ~~irrespective of whether~~ without receiving the first coding information at the first code entry device and without receiving the second coding information ~~is received~~ at the second coding device.

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~~16.~~ (Original) The method of claim ~~15~~, wherein the step of receiving first coding information comprises:

providing a first code entry device configured to communicatively couple with the workstation;

receiving the first coding information, at the first code entry device, from the user; and

providing the first coding information from the first code entry device to the workstation.

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~~17.~~ (Original) The method of claim ~~15~~, wherein the step of receiving second coding information comprises:

providing a second code entry device configured to communicatively couple with the printer;

receiving the second coding information, at the second code entry device, from the user; and

providing the first coding information from the second code entry device to the printer.

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~~18.~~ (Original) The method of claim ~~15~~, wherein the first coding information and the second coding information correspond to physiological pattern information of the user.

19. ~~20.~~ (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium having a computer program for providing secure printing between a workstation and a printer, the workstation being configured to transmit print data to the printer for printing, said computer readable medium comprising:

logic configured to receive first coding information, at the workstation, from a user;

logic configured to receive second coding information, provided at the printer, from the user;

logic configured to compare the first coding information with the second coding information; and

logic configured to enable printing of the print data at the printer if the first coding information corresponds to the second coding information wherein the logic configured to receive first coding information comprises:

a first code segment configured to provide a user interface at the workstation, the user interface having a secure-disable mode and a secure-enable mode such that, in the secure-enable mode, the workstation is enabled to receive the first coding information, and in the secure-disable mode, the workstation is enabled to transmit print data to the printer for printing and the printer prints the print data without receiving the first coding information at the first code entry device and without receiving the second coding information at the second code entry device.

22. (Previously Presented) The printing system of claim 1, wherein the secure-enable mode is user selectable via the user interface.

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~~23.~~ (Previously Presented) The printing system of claim ~~4~~, wherein, if the second coding information does not correlate with the first coding information, the printer deletes the print data.

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~~24.~~ (Previously Presented) The printing system of claim ~~11~~, wherein, if the second coding information does not correlate with the first coding information, the printer deletes the print data.

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~~25.~~ (Previously Presented) the method of claim ~~15~~, further comprising:

deleting the print data if the first coding information does not correspond to the second coding information.

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~~26.~~ (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 21, further comprising:

logic configured to delete the print data if the first coding does not correspond to the second coding information.

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